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SUBJECT: U.K. OIL PRODUCTION

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1. THE OFFICIAL U.K. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY "BROWN BOOK" BEING RELEASED TODAY CONFIRMS THE DATA ANTICIPATED IN REFTELS: 1977 OIL PRODUCTION WAS 37.8 MILLION TONS AND THE 1978 TOTAL IS PROJECTED AS 55-65 MILLION TONS (7.3 BARRELS PER TON). THE 1977 TOTAL INCLUDES 0.4 MILLION TONS OF OIL CONDENSATE FROM GAS FIELDS AND 0.1 MILLION TONS OF LAND OIL PRODUCTION. GAS PRODUCTION TOTALED 40.16 BILLION CUBIC METERS (35.31 CUBIC FEET PER CUBIC METER).

2. U.K. OIL PRODUCTION IS FORECAST TO REACH 80-95 MILLION TONS IN 1979, 90-110 MILLION TONS IN 1980,
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100-120 MILLION TONS IN 1981, AND 105-125 MILLION TONS IN 1982. NET SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN OIL IS IMPLICIT AT APPROXIMATELY 100 MILLION TONS PRODUCTION. THE REPORT STATES, "PRODUCTION DURING THE 1980S IS STILL EXPECTED TO BE WITHIN THE RANGE OF 100-150 MILLION TONNES A YEAR. BEYOND 1982 IT WOULD NOT BE REALISTIC TO ESTIMATE WITHIN NARROWER LIMITS."

3. THE EMBASSY WILL FORWARD TWO COPIES OF THIS USEFUL BOOKLET TO EB/FSE (MARTIN), ONE OF WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY. ADDITIONAL REQUESTS SHOULD INCLUDE FISCAL DATA FOR PROCUREMENT AT 2.25 POUNDS STERLING PER COPV. THE FULL TITLE IS, "DEVELOPMENT OF THE OIL AND GAS RESOURCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM 1978".

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